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Re Application of:

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For: SURFACE REFORMED FIBER BODY,
LIQUID CONTAINER USING FIBER
ABSORBER AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING FIBER ABSORBER FOR
USE IN LIQUID EJECTION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 5,784,088

European 488,829

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Singapore patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of an Austrian Search Report (apparently done on behalf of the Singapore Registry Of Patents) is enclosed.

Other documents cited in the Search Report have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated April 3, 2002.

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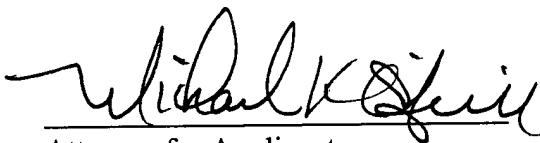
This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The concise explanation of relevance for the documents cited above is provided in the Austrian Search Report.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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